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Assignee: Numerical Technologies, Inc.

Title: SHAPE-BASED GEOMETRY ENGINE TO PERFORM SMOOTHING  
AND OTHER LAYOUT BEAUTIFICATION OPERATIONS

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-54 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-10, 12-32, 34-36, and 44-54 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,523,162 (Agrawal). Claims 11, 33, 37-43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

No claims are amended herein.